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HEALTH CARE IN HOSPITALS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many patients visiting RML Hospital return without tests because of more number of patients as has been brought out in Dainik Jagaran of June 28, 2002;

(b) if so, the facts in this regard;

(c) the action Government propose to take to ensure proper health care to the people who cannot afford costly treatment in private hospitals;

(d) whether there is any proposal to depute more number of specialist doctors in the OPDs to attend more number of patients and to ensure the regularity and punctuality of the doctors; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a) to (c) No, Sir. In so far as Dr. RML Hospital is concerned, all the patients reporting to OPDs during the Registration time 9.00 a.m. to 11.00 a.m. are seen on the same day and the patients who turn up with requisition slip for various investigations during the stipulated registration time are accepted for investigation. However, there is a considerable increase in number of OPD and IPD patients over the years. In spite of increase in number of patients, health care facilities in terms of manpower, equipments, medicines are available and hospital is providing health care facilities to the patients within the available financial resources and infrastructure. The poor patients are being provided financial assistance out of National Illness Assistance Fund for costly intervention.

(d) & (e) In order to reduce the waiting time, special clinics are being run in the afternoon.